

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-859
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued July 26, 2004)

On June 25, 2004, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow IPL to construct, maintain, and operate 1.44 miles of 6-inch diameter steel pipeline in Hardin County, Iowa. The proposed pipeline would provide natural gas to the Iowa Falls Ethanol Plant located south of Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Board staff reviewed the petition, notified IPL of deficiencies in the petition, and requested additional information in a letter dated July 2, 2004. On July 12, 2004, IPL filed revisions to the petition and exhibits and provided additional information. Board staff filed a route inspection report addressing the petition on July 16, 2004.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2003) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition, as revised, sufficiently meets the Board's filing requirements and the Board will assign Docket No. P-853 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing. The inspection report filed by Board staff recommends IPL file additional

information regarding the distance between the pipeline and the electric transmission line towers in prefiled testimony. The Board staff report also indicates that it will be necessary for IPL to file the proper evidence of consent from highway authorities before a permit can be issued. The presiding officer should review these recommendations and take the appropriate action.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-859 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of July, 2004.